

Garden Island Orchid Society Newsletter

May - June 2018

President's Message

Our Spring Show was a success again and we can all breathe easier that even with some difficult growing circumstances with all the rain in March we still had a delightful display of blooming orchids. I know members that usually have display orchids were disappointed that their orchids bloomed earlier than usual or were going to bloom later. And we did not have the joy of a large number of blooming Hono Honos filling the hall with fragrance as we did last year, but luckily there were a few still blooming in the display! But no worries, you will have another opportunity to show your orchids at the county fair in August!

I want to thank the church for allowing us to use their hall and kitchen for the show, the volunteers who made the show possible, and of course our member orchid vendors who not only provided orchids for the display but also brought orchids for attendees to purchase. And thanks to Dennis Olivas, our own Orchid Doctor, who provided orchid demonstrations for the benefit of folks coming to our Spring Show.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our June meeting where we will be learning how to build our own orchid shade houses.

See you in June!
Elizabeth



Upcoming Events

General Meeting - The next General Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2018, at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe beginning at 6:00 pm. The June meeting will feature a potluck, so please bring some delicious dishes. Our guest speaker is Kelvin Sewake of CTAHR who will be providing instruction on how to build shade houses for our orchids.

2018 General Meeting Schedule: June 8, August 10, October 12, and December 1

2018 Events: Orchids in Paradise Show at the [Farm Bureau Fair](#) ~ August 16 ~ 19
Field trip to [Na 'Aina Kai Botanical Gardens](#) on October 15. Free for members, but space is limited to 24 people. Sign ups will be at the August 10 meeting.

The Garden Island Orchid Society is affiliated with the [American Orchid Society](#).

Spring Fantasy Show

The Spring Fantasy Show was an incredible display of beautiful orchids again this year. Congratulations to all of the award winners, a list of which is included on the next page. Mahalo to all of the volunteers whose many hours of hard work made the show an amazing success! The Spring Fantasy Show is our main fund raiser of the year to support the activities of the Society and we appreciate the effort, energy and contributions of all of our members.

The Spring Fantasy Show top winners were:

Grand Champion: Brassia Rex "Sakata" AM/AOS owned by Pearl Wollin

Reserve Grand Champion: Epicat Charlie Brown owned by Caryn Sakahashi

Best Phaius: Gastrophaius Micro Burst, Georges Gold, Yellow Nuns owned by Paul Brun

Best Phalaenopsis: Phal Hybrid owned by Mark Edlund

Best Species: Cattleya Skinneri "Kensington Angel" owned by Steven Uyehara

The following pages contain stunning photographs of these and other fantastic orchids on display throughout the Show.

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Bobbie Agena

News Bits

If you have not yet paid your 2018 GIOS dues of \$20, please contact Bobbie Agena or bring it to the June meeting!



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Spring Fantasy Show Best Of Awards



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Spring Fantasy Show Awards List

Following is a comprehensive awards list of all the prize winners at this year's Spring Fantasy Show. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for bringing such lovely orchids to share with GIOS and the public.

Member	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Al Sugano	13	9	5	6	4
Barbara Prigge	2			1	
Bobby Agena		1	1	1	
Carol Kanna	2	3	2		1
Caryn Sakahashi	2		1		
Cheryl Morris	1				
Elizabeth Borchelt	1		1		
Greg Iten		1	1		
Karen Harlow	1	2			
Mark Edlund	3	2			
Michelle Fastenau			1		
Mildred Konishi		1			
Nancy Nakama	2	3	3	1	3
Orchid Alley	10	9	4	5	4
Patsy Delapenia			1		
Paul Brun	2		1		
Pearl Wollin	4	1	2	3	
Sarah Paiste	1	1	1	1	
Stacie Boucher	1	1	1	1	
Steven Uyehara	5	2	1	1	2



Spring Fantasy Show Highlights

The following photos show the wide variety of beautiful and amazing orchids that were on display at this year's Show. Thanks to our members for sharing their orchids with the island.



Spring Fantasy Show Highlights continued ...

... and now for some close-ups of some fantastic blooms !!



Spring Fantasy Show Activities And Volunteers



Bobbie Agena and Teri Nakamoto welcoming people at the registration table



Dennis Olivas conducting one of his fascinating orchid demonstrations covering repotting, orchid care, watering and fertilizing. Thank you Dennis!

*Handicrafts for sale to raise money for GIOS.
Thanks Sarah Paiste for staffing the table!*



Caryn Sakahashi and Lorraine Kawane preparing and serving some delicious meals and snacks for hungry guests



Many thanks to our judges for their time and careful evaluation of the many beautiful orchids.

From left to right: Dennis Olivas, Steven Uyehara and Mildred Konishi



Orchid Reference Collection Sale

Kenneth Iwai, who loved orchids and was an active member of GIOS, passed away in May of 2017. Over the course of many years, he had built a large collection of orchid related books and reference materials. His family recently donated this collection to GIOS. The orchid books (see sample picture below) include orchid topics such as how to care for, an encyclopedia of, specific types of orchids, picture books, American Orchid Society magazines, and even some books on pests and general gardening.

Because of the size of the collection, the GIOS Board has decided to make all of these wonderful books and magazines available directly to the membership rather than placing them in our library where they may not be as immediately accessible to our interested members.



The collection will be displayed at the next general meeting with a donation jar placed next to it. In exchange for choosing one of these books or magazines, GIOS is requesting a small monetary donation from the member. There are no set prices, but the Board asks members to consider as a minimum donation 25 cents for each magazine and several dollars for the hard bound books. Many of the books are older, but are in good condition. They contain valuable information about the care of orchids that is useful for all of us today, as well as are filled with beautiful pictures.

Fund Raising Ideas

We have many benefits as a member of our club such as keiki plants for each meeting attended, orchid related speakers, monetary show awards, repotting sessions, the Learning Center and the opportunity as volunteers to earn makana points. To support these benefits, we raise money at our shows and periodically we have other income generating projects such as the recipe books we previously sold.

We are always looking for new fund raising ideas and would appreciate any help you can give. Please think about what kind of items would be good sellers for the club and if you come up with some suggestions let me know at one of our general meetings or email me at president@gardenislandorchidsociety.org.



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Courtesy American Orchid Society, read more at <http://www.aos.org/blog/orchids-issues/caularthron-bicornutum>.

April Keiki Giveaways

The keiki giveaways for members who attended the April meeting were:

Den Supernestor & Den Platinum x Den dearei



Clay & Cement Pots Available

GIOS has received a generous offer from a gentleman from Kaumakani. He has cement and clay pots that he needs to give away and has offered them to our members. The only requirement is that we pick them up at his house.



If you are interested, please let Elizabeth know at the June meeting or by emailing president@gardenislandorchidsociety.org.

